## **CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

- 1. (Currently Amended) Improved spinal arthroplasty apparatus, comprising:
  one or more bio-resorbable components configured to retain and temporarily limit the motion of
  an artificial disc replacement (ADR) within an intradiscal space hold a vertebrae and a prosthetic or
  natural arthroplasty device in place until soft tissues surrounding the spine heal.
- 2. (Previously Presented) The improvement of claim 1, wherein the <u>bio-resorbable</u> components include a rod, plate, screw, or a combination thereof.
- 3. (Original) The improvement of claim 1, wherein the bio-resorbable components facilitate a limited degree of motion or mobility during or after healing.
- 4. (Original) The improvement of claim 3, wherein the limited degree of motion or mobility is controlled by the flexibility of the bioresorbable components.
- 5. (Previously Presented) The improvement of claim 4, wherein the flexibility of the bioresorbable components is due in part to the modulus of elasticity of the bioresorbable components.
- 6. (Previously Presented) The improvement of claim 4, wherein the flexibility of the bioresorbable components is due in part to the thickness or other physical attribute of the bioresorbable components.
- 7. (Previously Presented) The improvement of claim 3, wherein the limited degree of motion or mobility is controlled by the rate of resorbtion of the bio-resorbable components.
  - 8. (Original) The improvement of claim 1, wherein the arthroplasty device includes allograft.
  - 9. (Cancelled)

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10. (New) The improvement of claim 1, wherein the components are located outside of an intradiscal space.

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